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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA ISSUES: SPC MEETING MAY 15

REF: USNATO 2646 DTG 131229Z MAY 75

B. USNATO 2669 DTG 131810Z MAY 75

C. STATE 112990

D. STATE 103599

1. AT SPC MEETING MAY 15, UK REP (BAILEES) STATED THAT THE UK DRAFT MANDATE OF MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY ON USE OF MORE DETAILED DATA (PARA 3, REF A) WAS NOT CLEAR, AND SHE MADE THE CLARIFICATION REPORTED REF B.

2. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WANTED ANY MANDATE TO THE WG TO BE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE, TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON MILITARY-
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TECHNICAL MATTERS, AND TO EXCLUDE ANY STUDY OF EQUIPMENT TOTALS, I.E. TO EXCLUDE ITEMS 2, 3, 7, AND 8 OF THE UK DRAFT MANDATE. MANDATE SHOULD INSTRUCT THE WG TO STUDY THE MAKEUP OF TH OTHER ITEMS IN THE UK DRAFT MANDATE, AND THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF ANY

BREAKDOWN IN THOSE TOTALS.

3. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE FRG SUGGESTION IN THE LAST SENTENCE, SINCE THEY WISHED A PRECISE MANDATE LIMITED TO MILITARY-TECHNICAL MATTERS.

4. UK REP SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT HER AUTHORITIES WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO LIMITING THE MANDATE ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE FRG. SHE SAID THAT HER AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT OBJECT TO FRG PROPOSALS TO EXCLUDE EQUIPMENT ITEMS FROM THE SPC MANDATE TO THE WG.

5. IN DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, FRG AND UK REPS, WITH OCCASIONAL CANADIAN INTERVENTIONS, WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MANDATE FROM THE SPC TO THE WG, WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE DRAFT MANDATE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE UK. THE DRAFT MANDATE IS AS FOLLOWS.

6. BEGIN TEXT "HOW FAR AND IN WHAT WAY, FROM A MILITARY-TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, COULD ALLIED NEGOTIATORS RESPOND, IN THE CONTEXT OF A SERIOUS RECIPROCAL DISCUSSION OF DATA, AS REGARDS THE FOLLOWING MANPOWER TOTALS:

- (I) WARSAW PACT/SOVIET GROUND FORCE MANPOWER
- (II) WARSAW PACT AREA AIR DEFENCE MANPOWER
- (III) WARSAW PACT HELICOPTER MANPOWER
- (IV) NATO/U.S. GROUND FORCE MANPOWER

THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A MAKE-UP OF THESE FIGURES, AND THE POSSIBLE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CERTAIN BREAKDOWNS(SIC)"
END TEXT

7. UK REP SAID THAT UK HOPED THAT SPC COULD AGREE TO A MANDATE TO THE WG AT THE NEXT SPC MEETING. SHE ALSO NOTED THE UK CONCERN THAT THE ALLIES CANNOT RULE OUT AN EARLY EASTERN CHALLENGE TO THE TANK DATA WHICH THE ALLIES TABLED IN 1973. THE UK SUSPECTS THAT AT SOME FUTURE MEETING, THE SPC WOULD NEED TO ENLARGE THE WG
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MANDATE TO INCLUDE TANK DATA, BUT THE UK IS WILLING TO WAIT.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE SPC MANDATE TO THE WG IN PARA 6 ABOVE IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 20.
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